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# *Contingency Evaluation*



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# Structural Suitability in a Contingency Environment

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- **Units Tasked to Conduct Contingency Evaluations and Lessons Learned**

Mr. Richard Smith  
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- **Procedures for Structural Assessment of Contingency Airfields**

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- **Equipment Technology for Pavement Assessment**

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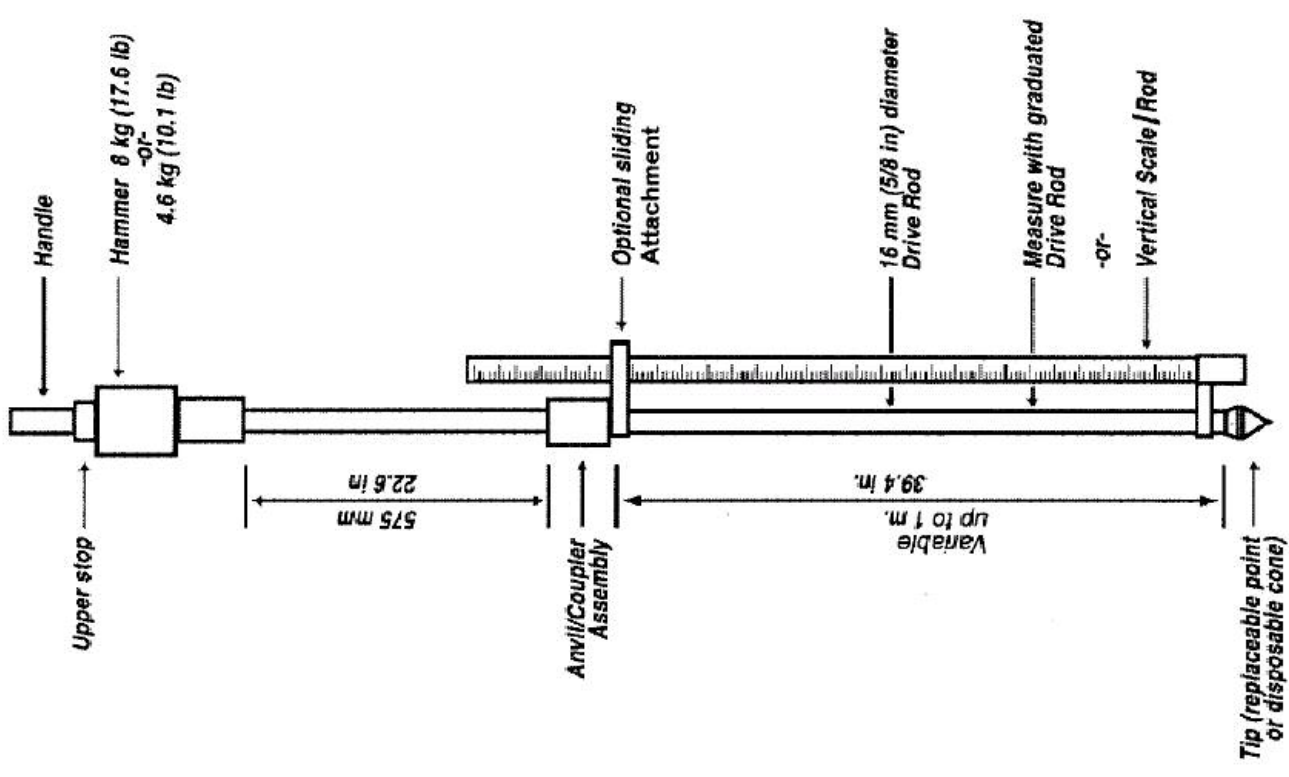


# Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP)

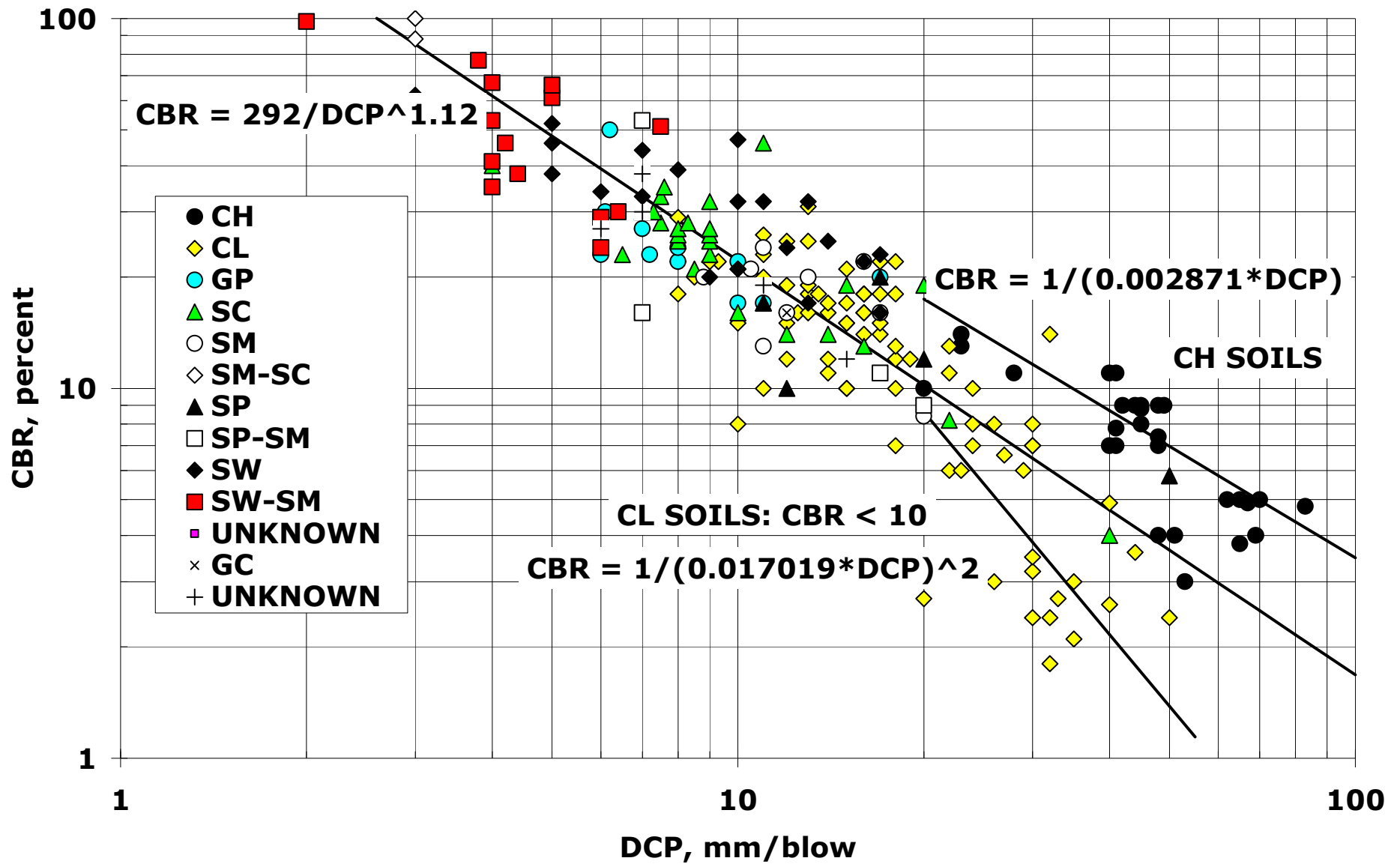
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- Simple Device, Easy to Use
- No Electronics/Batteries Required
- Capable of Penetrating Stiff Layers
- Correlations Established For Estimating CBR

## Standard Test Method for Use of the Dynamic Cone Penetrometer in Shallow Pavement Applications<sup>1</sup>



# DCP VS CBR CORRELATIONS



# Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP)



<u>Blows</u>	<u>Penetration</u>
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0	0
3	1.6
3	3.9
3	5.8
3	8.2

APE Evaluation

Project: MAYPORT  
Site: STATION R-550L  
Test Location: R1A  
Date: 12/5/01

Project: MAYPORT  
Site: STA-550R  
Test Location: R1A  
Date: 12/5/01

Project: maypoet  
Site: STA-550C  
Test Location: R1A  
Date: 12/5/01

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## Perform Field Tests Automated DCP

**Latest version of DCP,  
developed to facilitate  
evaluation of semi-prepared  
airfields for C-17 operations,  
reduces manpower required  
to perform to one person.**

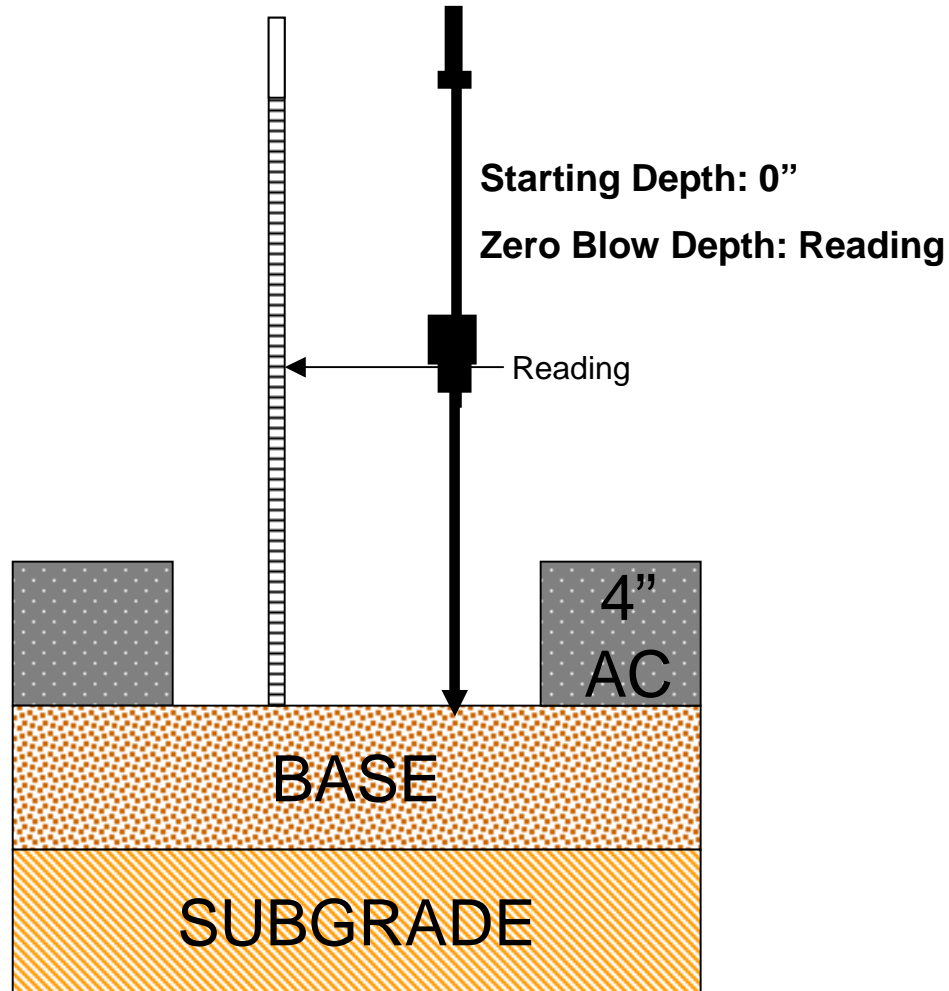


**Manual operation**

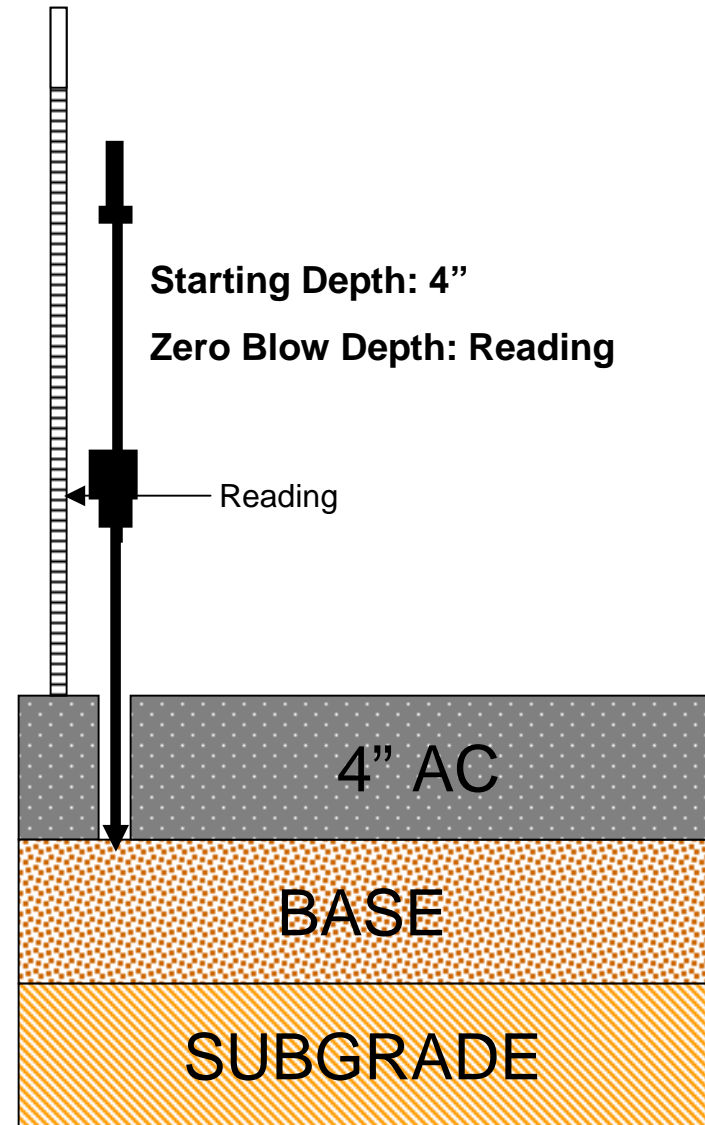


**Automated  
data  
collection**





PIT



DRILL

Dynamic Cone Penetrometer

Data Entry

Add

Move

Delete

☒ Layers
 ☐ Auto Scale

Auto Layering

Layer Tolerance (%): 30

Thick Layer (in): 6

Thin Layer (in): 2

Cut Off CBR: 20

Surf Lay Thick (in): 6

Surf Start Depth (in): 4

Do Layer Breaks

Restore To Defaults

☐ Cumulative Blows
 ☐ Use Minimums

Layer Type	Material Type	Frost	Thick	CBR	PR	Slip
Asphalt			7.04	80.37	0.35	1
Base	Unbound Aggregal	F0	10.37	80.96	0.35	1
Subbase	Unbound Subbase	F0	14.07	32.41	0.35	1
Natural Subgrad	Cohesive Cut	F0	21.16	13.22	0.4	1

Layer Set Controls - 1 of 1

Edit

Save

Canc

Add

Del

Copy

Broadcast

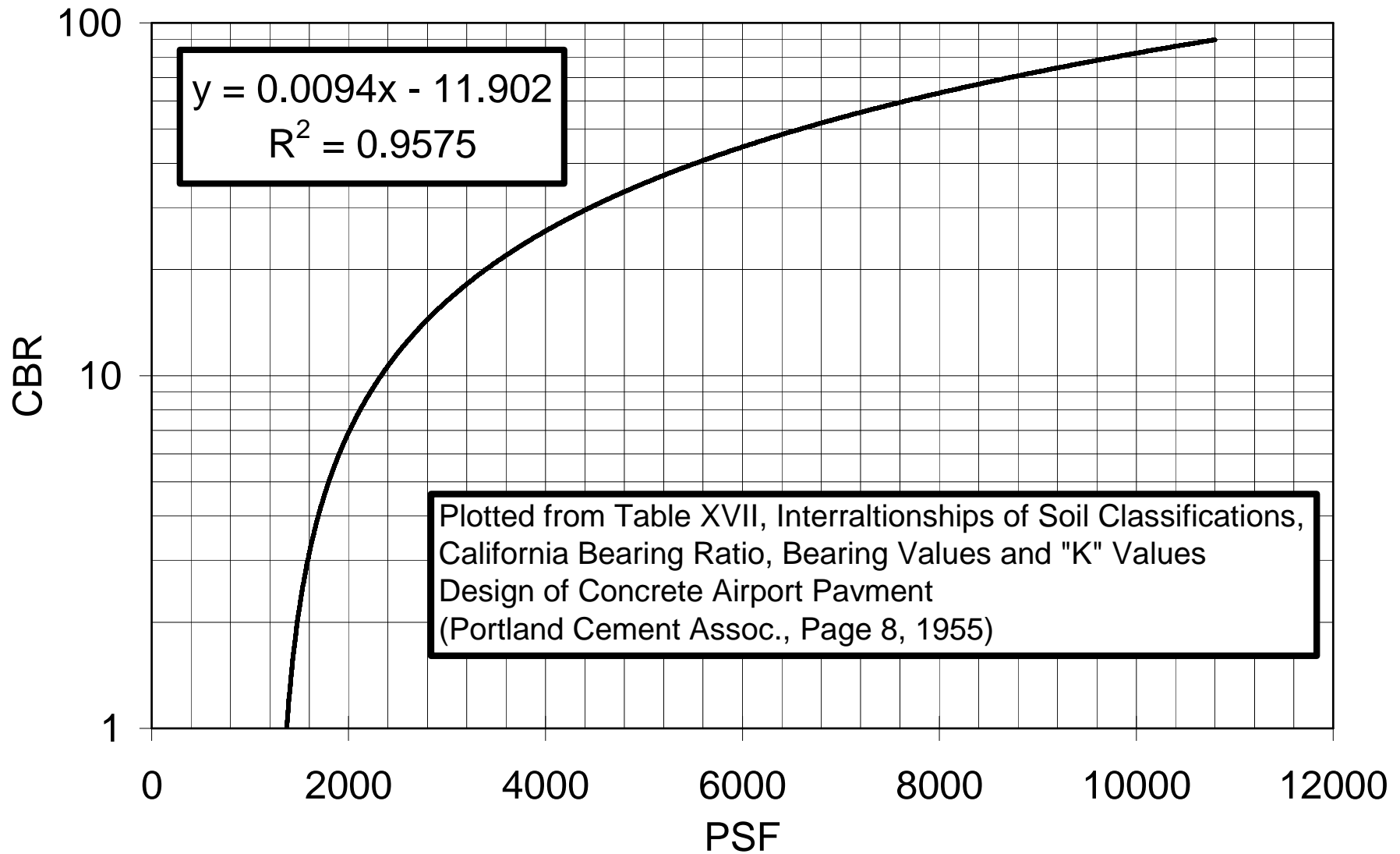
Pavement Type: Flexible

AC Crit: Both

Save

Current Feature: pa1 7/15/2001

## CBR VS BEARING VALUE



# Larger Devices (Poor Logistics)

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- Automated DCP
  - Layer thickness
  - Layer Strength
- Electronic Cone Penetrometer
  - Layer thickness
  - Layer Strength
- Falling Weight Deflectometer
  - Pavement stiffness
  - Material properties (moduli)
- Ground Penetrating Radar
  - Layer Thickness
  - Underground utilities
- Ladar
  - Rut Depth
  - Roughness



## Perform Field Tests Automated DCP Truck

- Automatically operated hammer drives tip into soil
- Correlates to CBR





## Perform Field Tests Electronic Cone Penetrometer

- ECP correlation classifies soil type and layer thickness & strength
- Typically penetrate 5 – 10 feet



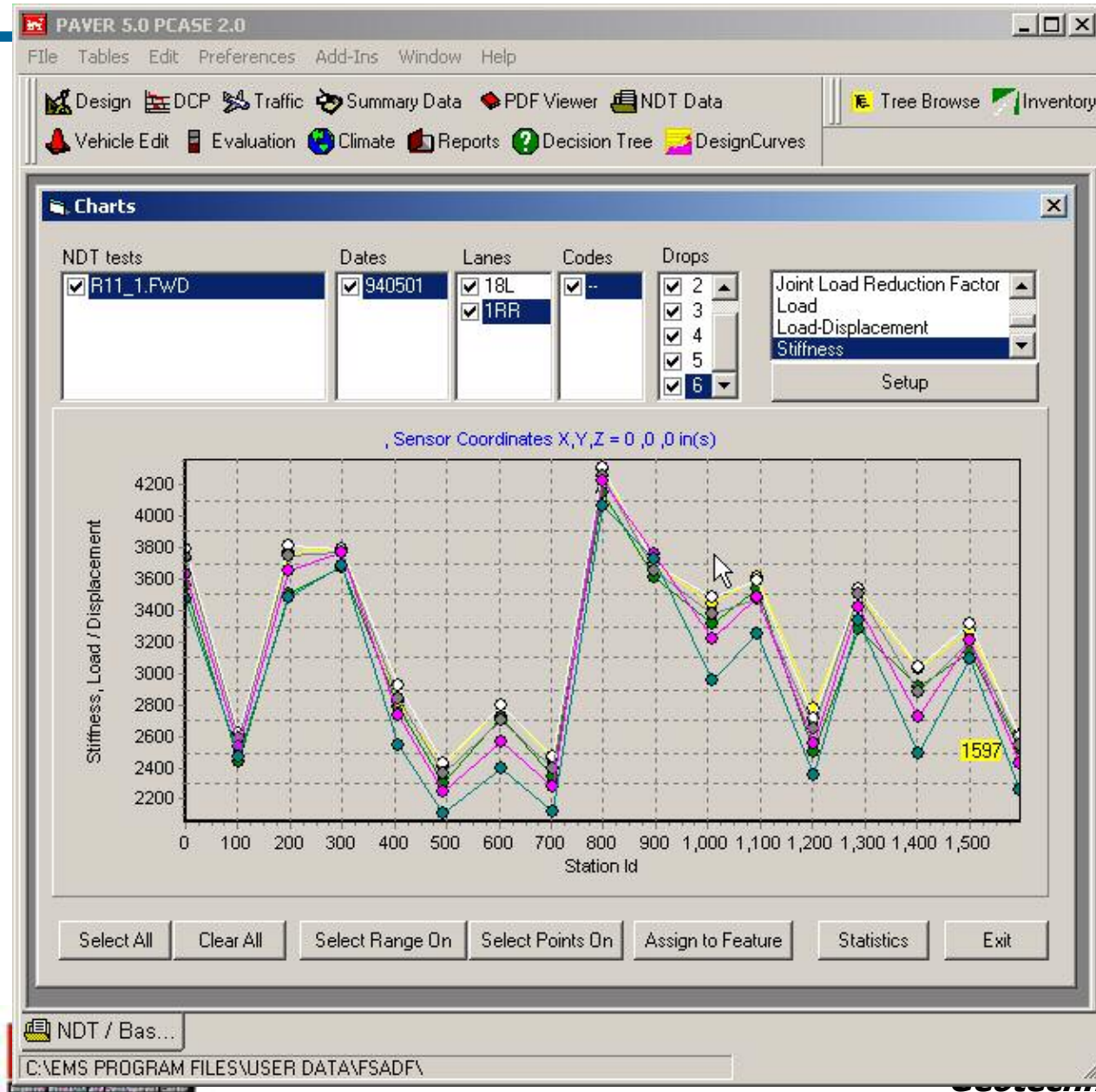


## Falling Weight Deflectometer





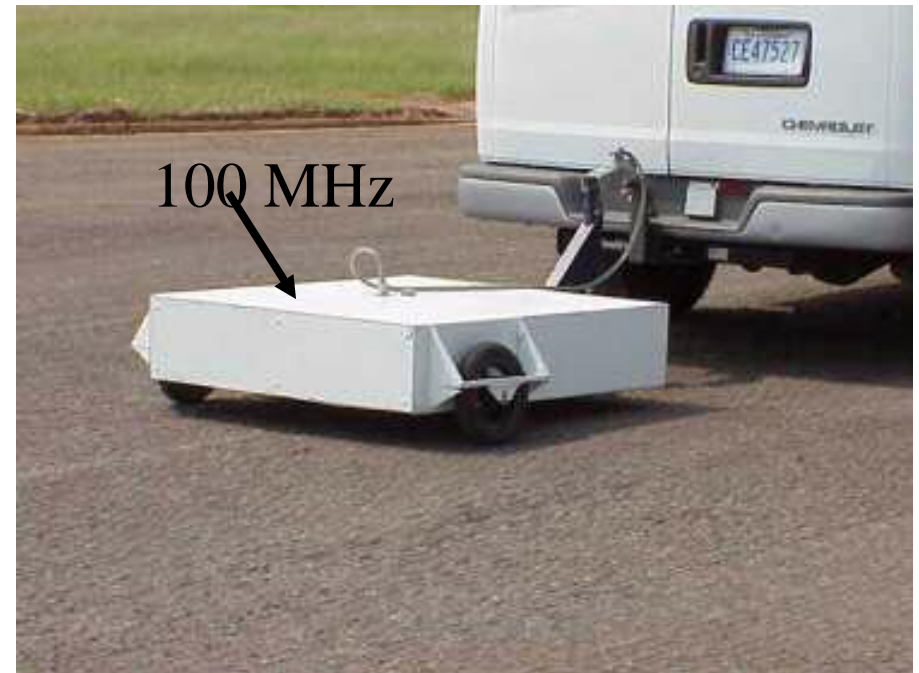
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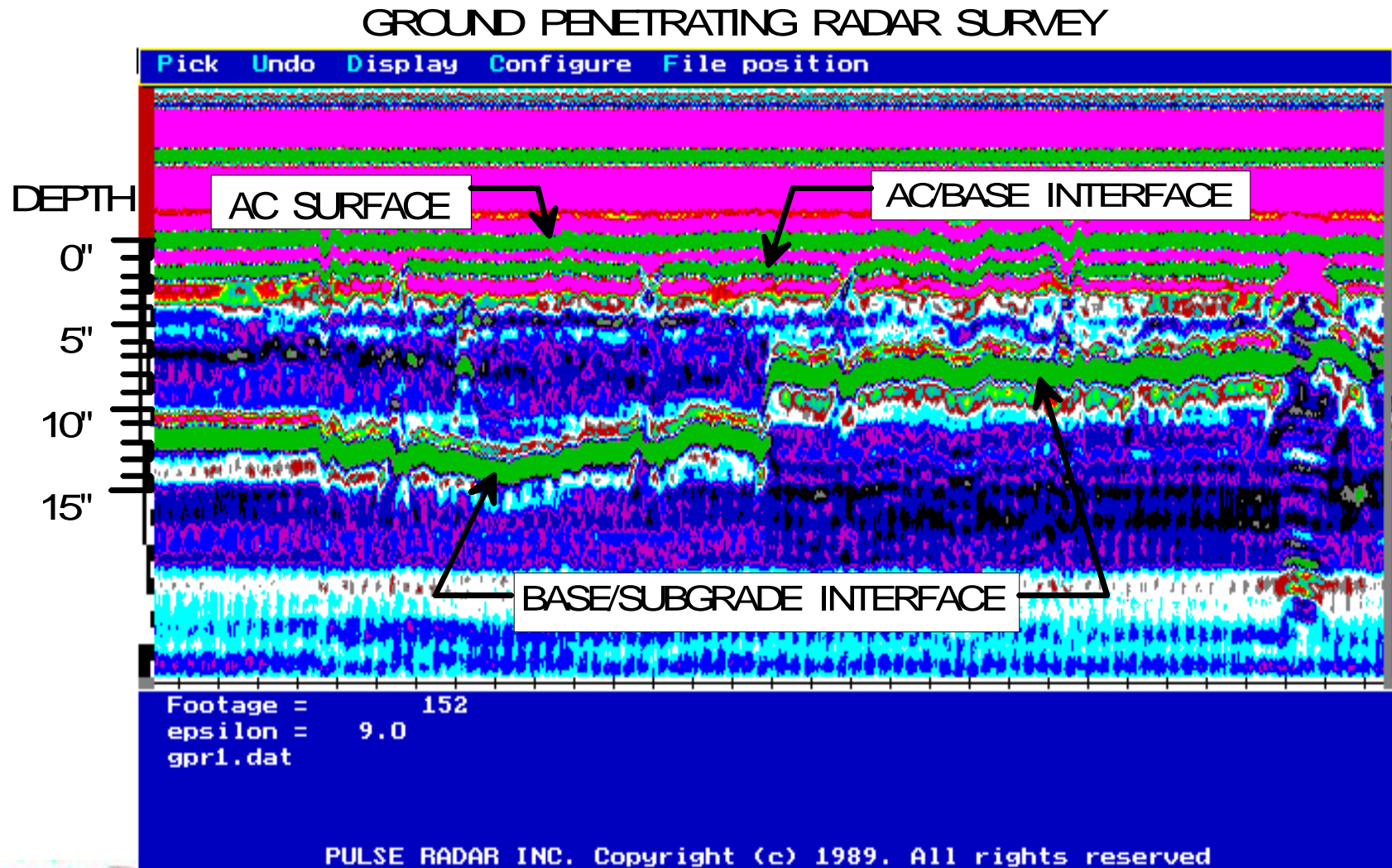
- Analyzing test data using various plots
- Assigning Test Data to Feature
- Statistics
- Multiple Drop/Lane filtering

# Ground Penetrating Radar

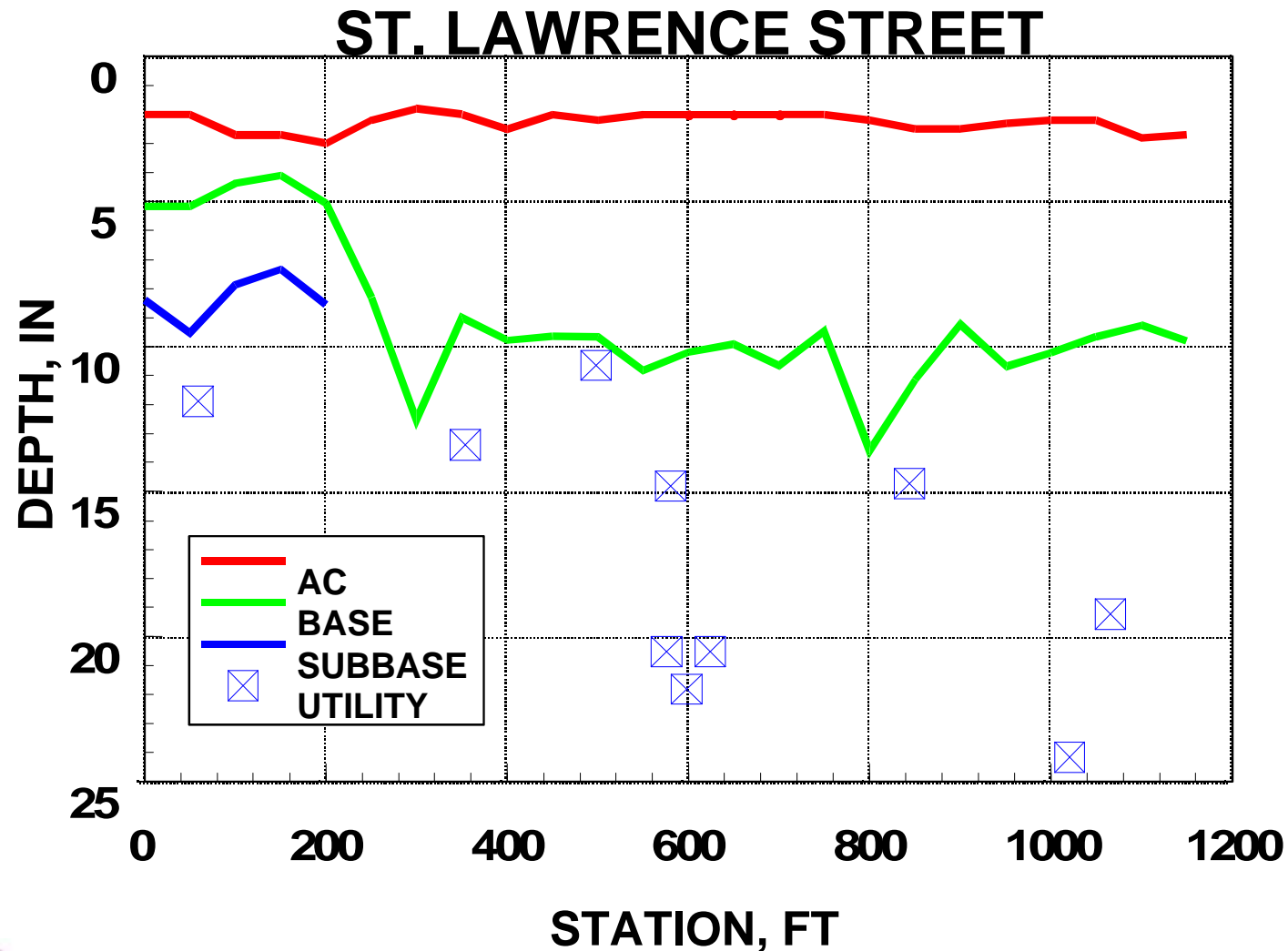
Developed by  
Pulse Radar, Houston, TX  
under SBIR Contract  
(Two Systems Delivered to WES)



# Color Coded GPR Signal



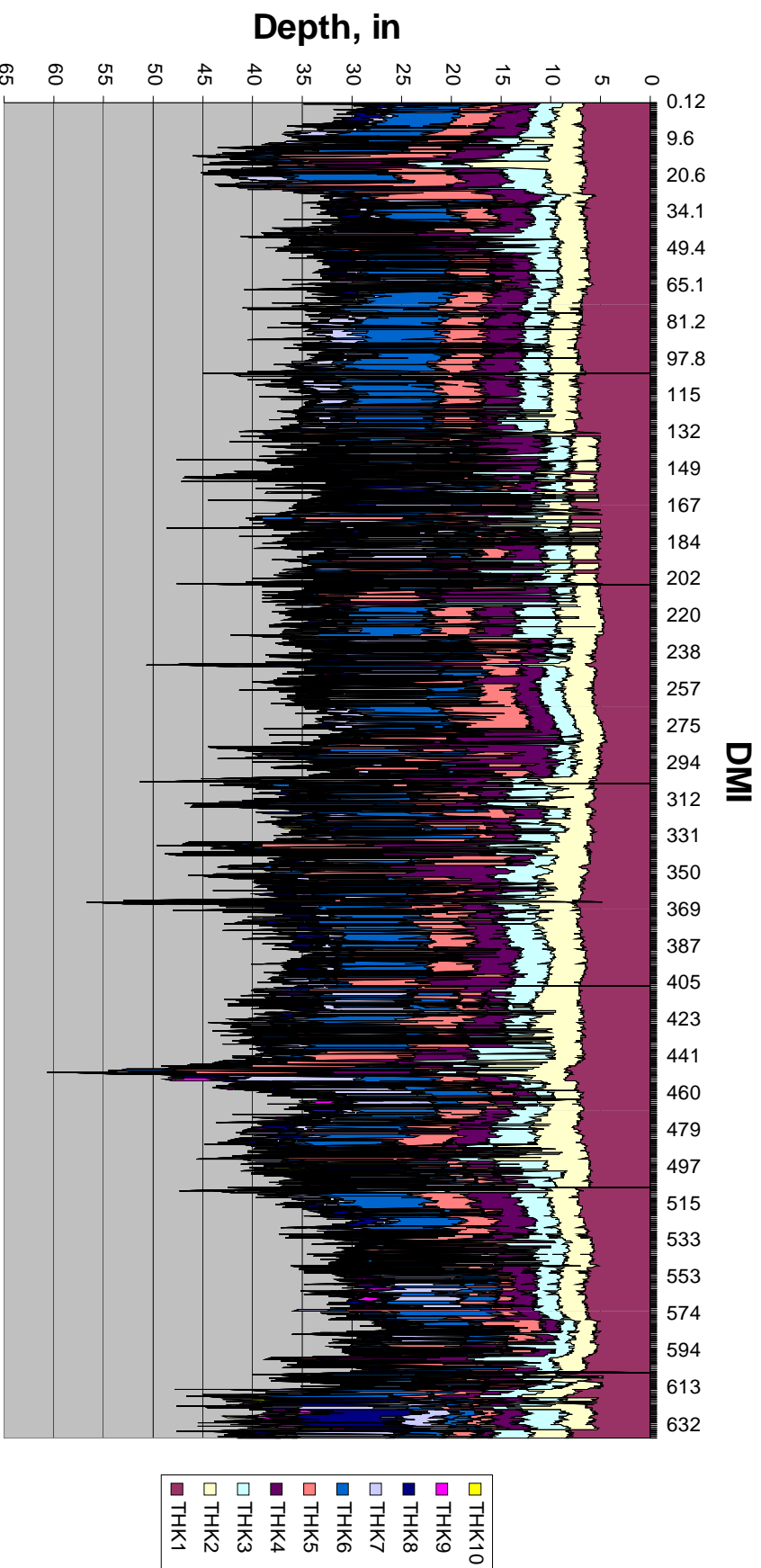
# GPR Survey of Road at WES



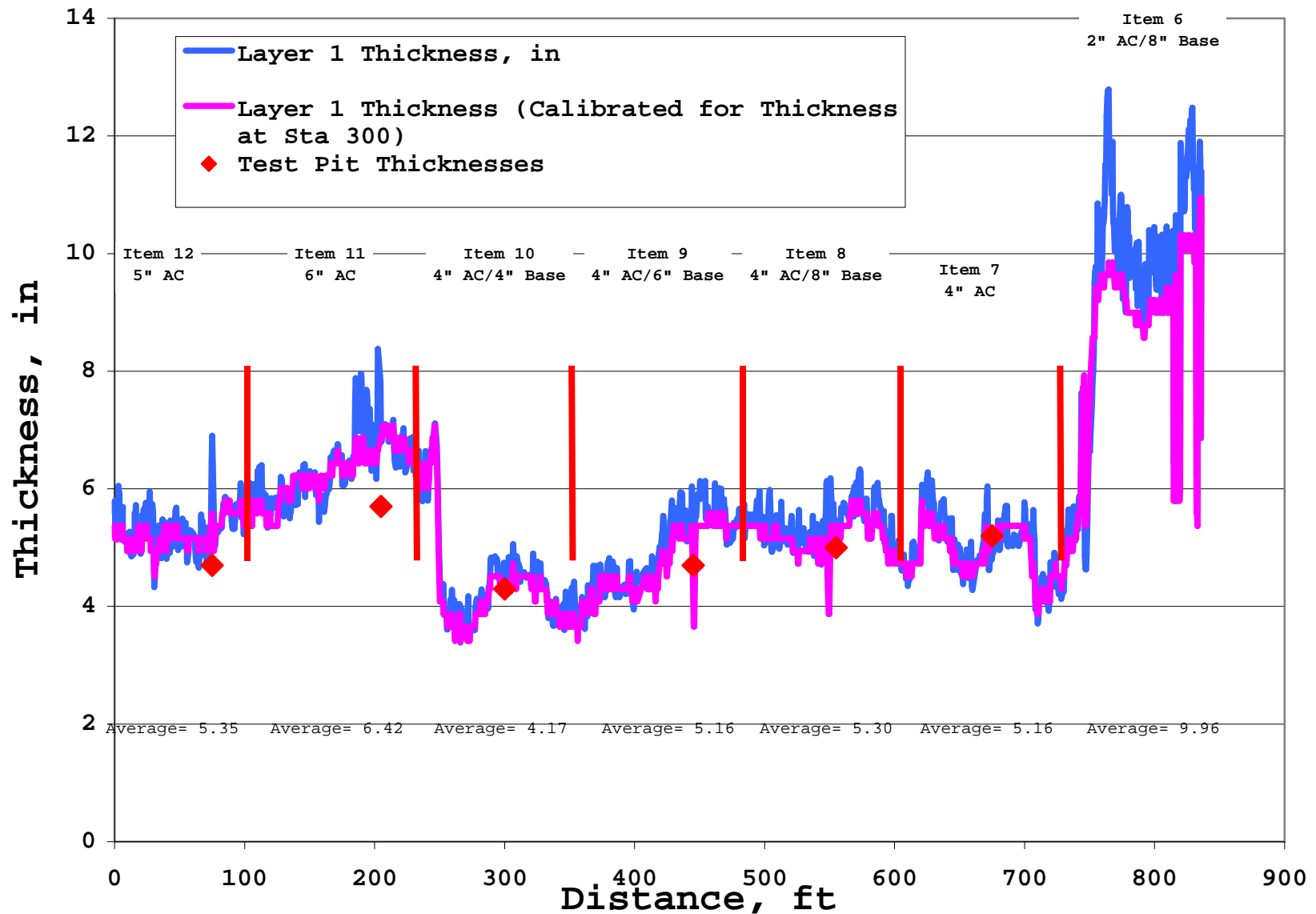


# Depth (Thickness)

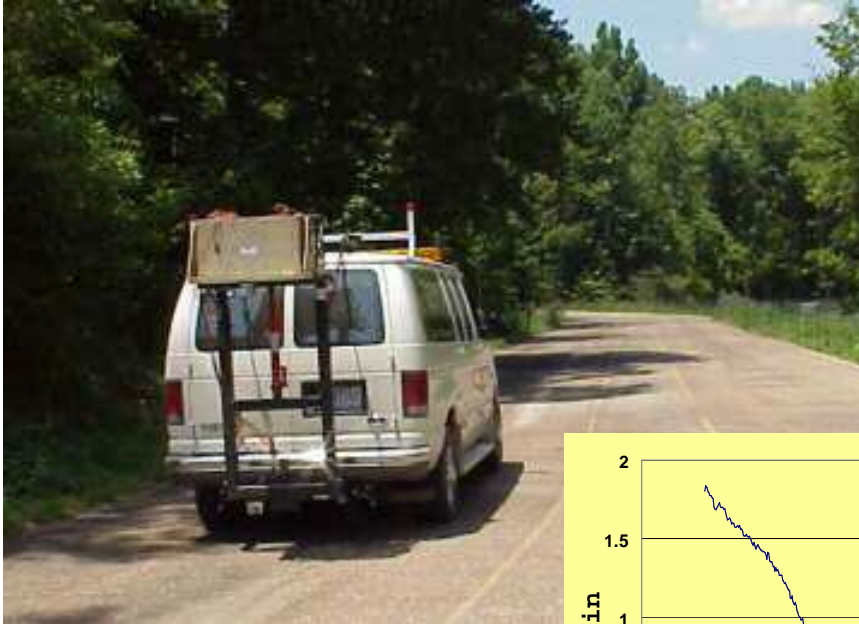
Forest Service Road - Items 12-7



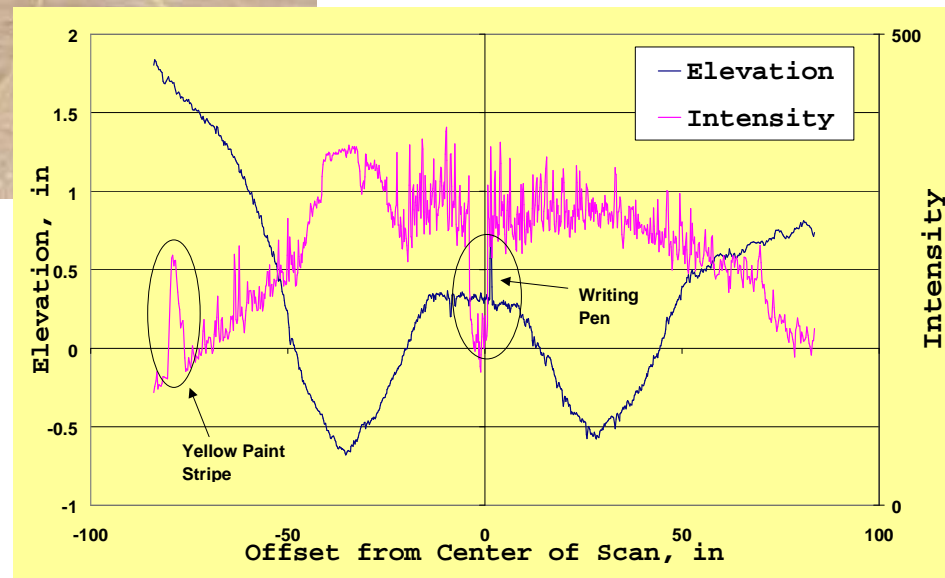
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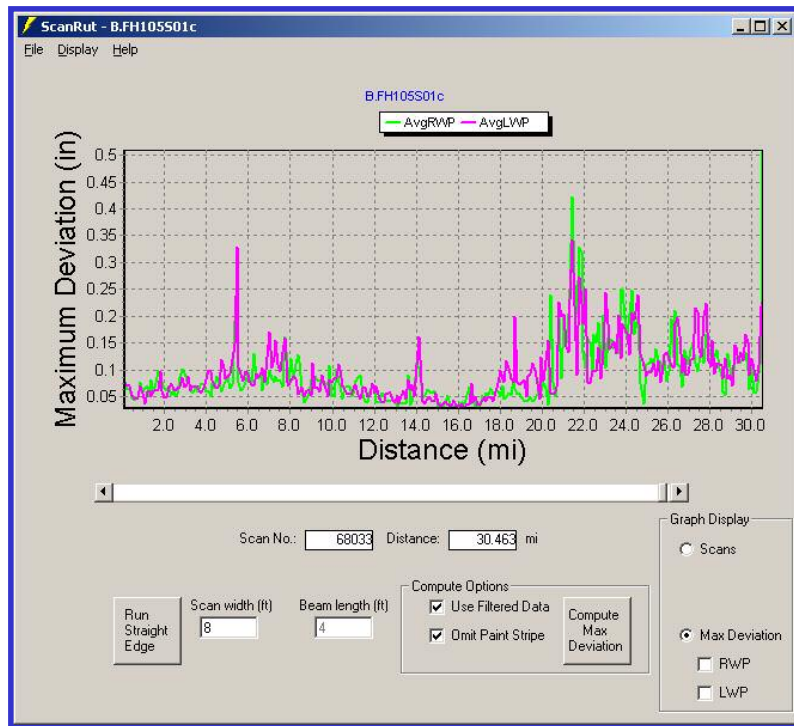
# Phase-Measurement Laser Radar (Ladar)



The Airfields and Pavements Branch of the Engineer Research and Development Center is developing applications for a new measurement sensor developed under an Army SBIR by Phoenix Scientific, Inc. (PSI)

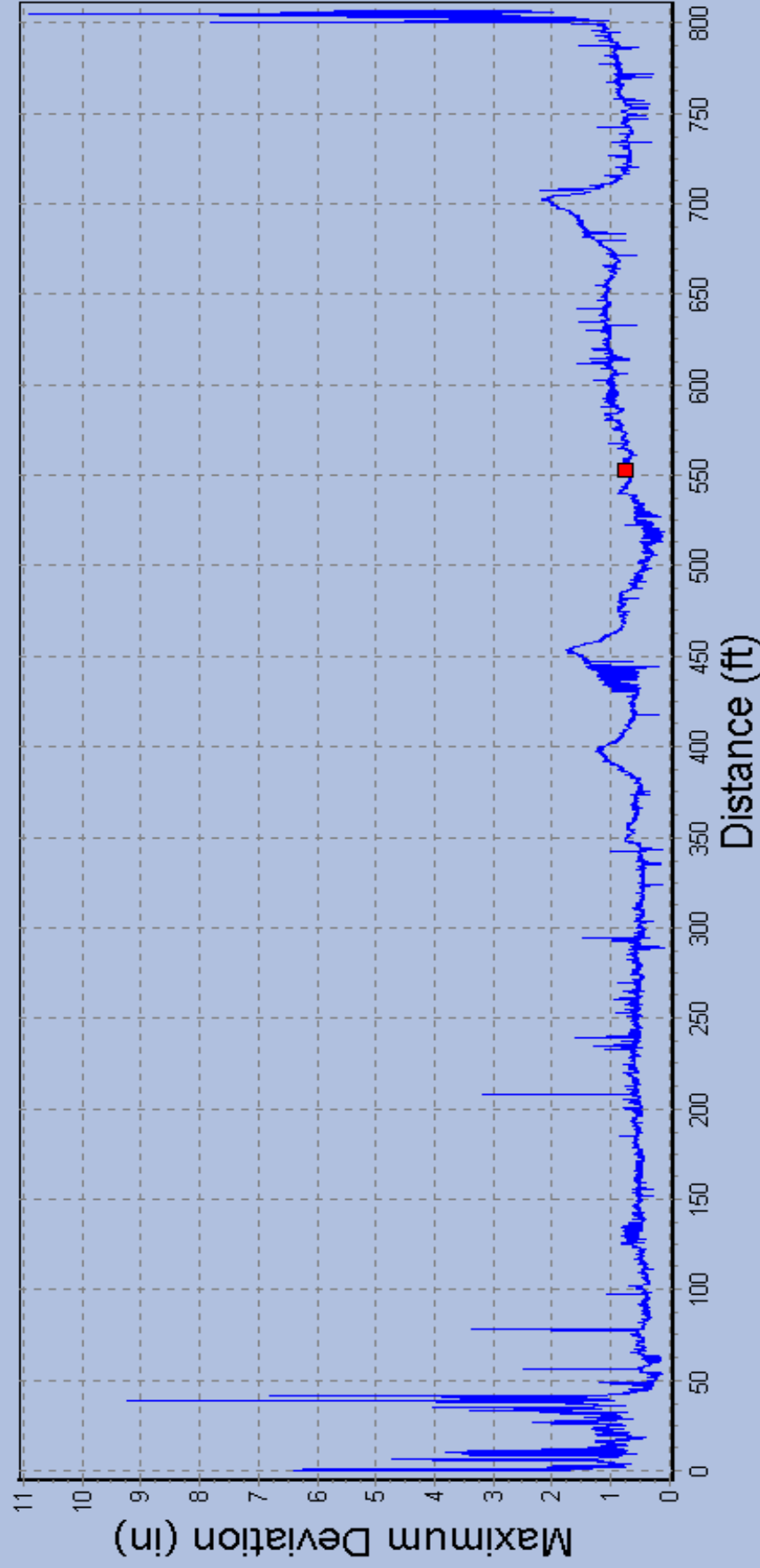






# Road Survey – GPR, Ladar, ARRK





Scan width (ft)

12

Scan No.:

3732

Distance:

553.3

Avg el:

2.7554

Diff el:

Distance Scale Factor:

0.04946984

Ref. Scan number:

1

Ref. Station:

0

Avg el:

for scan

Set Baseline Avg

Ref. File:

Shift:

0

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Compute Max Deviation

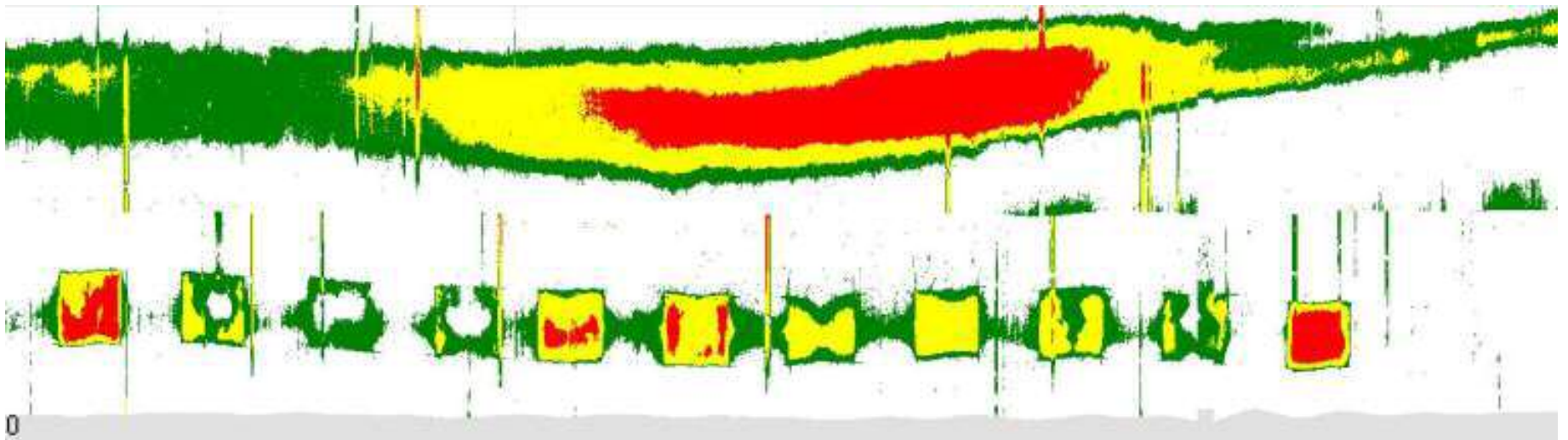
Run Straight Edge

Graph Display

☐ Scans

☒ Max Deviation

## Phase-Measurement Laser Radar (Ladar)



# Smaller Devices Under Development/Testing

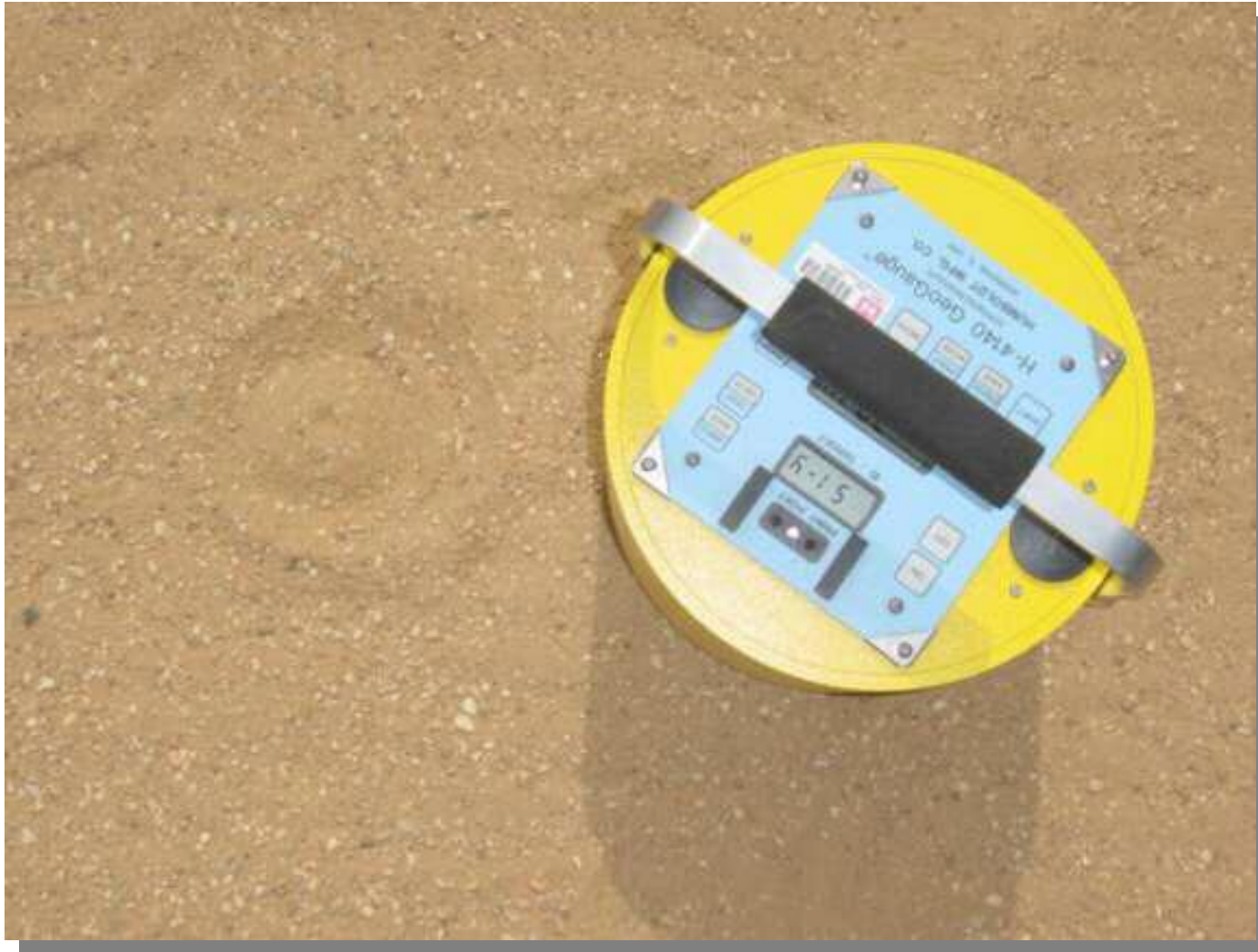
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- Geogauge
  - Pavement stiffness
- Portable Falling Weight Deflectometer
  - Pavement stiffness
- Portable Seismic Test Equipment
  - Layer thickness (top layer)
  - Modulus (top layer)
- Extended PSPA
  - Layer thickness (top meter)
  - Modulus (top meter)
- Free-Free Resonance Testing
  - Modulus (core)



# GeoGauge – Stiffness & Modulus

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# GeoGauge

## Humboldt GeoGauge:

### Physical Attributes

- Size: 11" OD x 10" tall
- 4.5" OD x 3.5" ID Foot
- Weight: 22 lb
- Powered by 6 D-Cell Batteries
- Keypad User Interface

### Specification

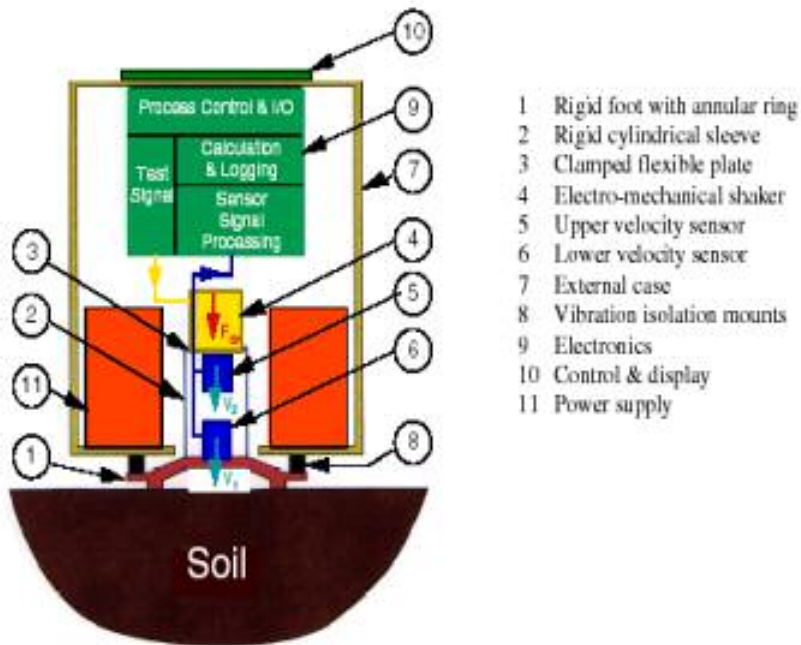
- Stiffness: 3 (17) to >70 (399) MN/m (klb/in)
- Young's Modulus: 26.2 (3.8) to > 607 (88) MPa (kpsi)
- Poisson's Ratio: Variable in 0.05 Increments
- Precision: Typically 3.9% Coefficient of Variation
- Bias: < 1: Coefficient of Variation
- Depth of Measurement: 22.9 cm (9 in)
- Battery Life: >1500 measurements
- Operating Temperature: 0 C to 38 C (32 F to 100 F)



# GeoGauge

## Operating Principle

- Stiffness to Modulus (Young's, E)
  - Measures Stiffness
  - Through Foot Radius and Poisson's Ratio Obtain Modulus



$$E(\text{MPa}) = P \cdot (1 - \nu^2) \cdot b / r / d$$

where

$P/d$  = the SSG stiffness reading (MN/m)

$\nu$  = Poisson's ratio (assumed to be 0.35 for all materials tested)

$r$  = radius

$b = 2 \cdot a / \pi$  ( $a = 0.89$  for a rigid ring with radius ratio = 1.3)



# Portable Falling Weight Deflectometer

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# Devices Evaluated - PFWD

## Keros Prima 100 Portable Falling Weight Deflectometer:

### Physical Attributes

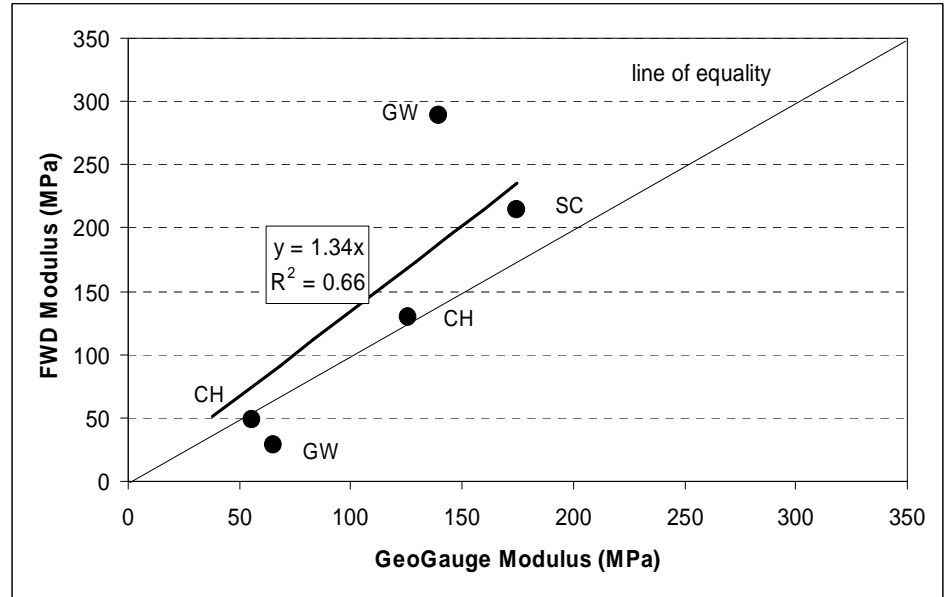
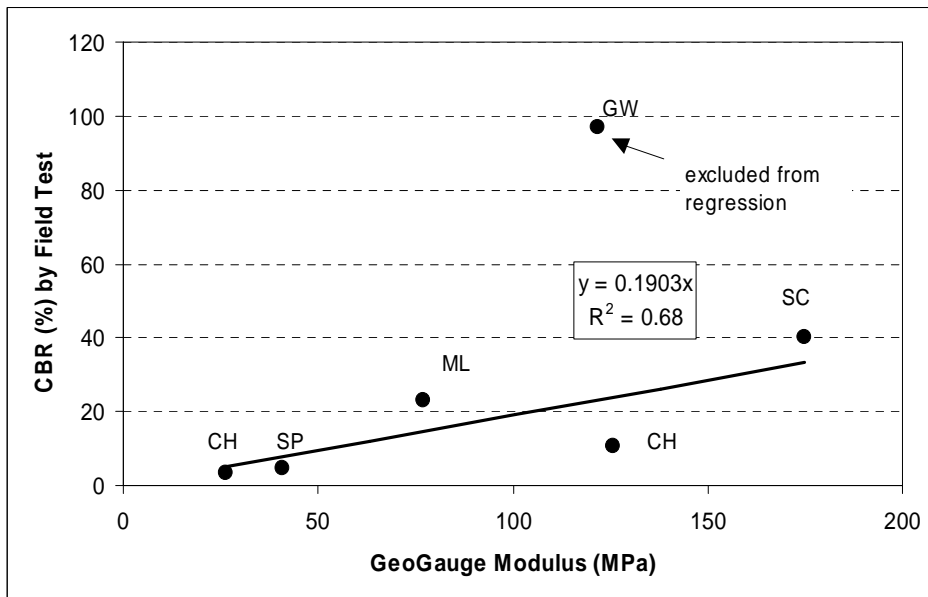
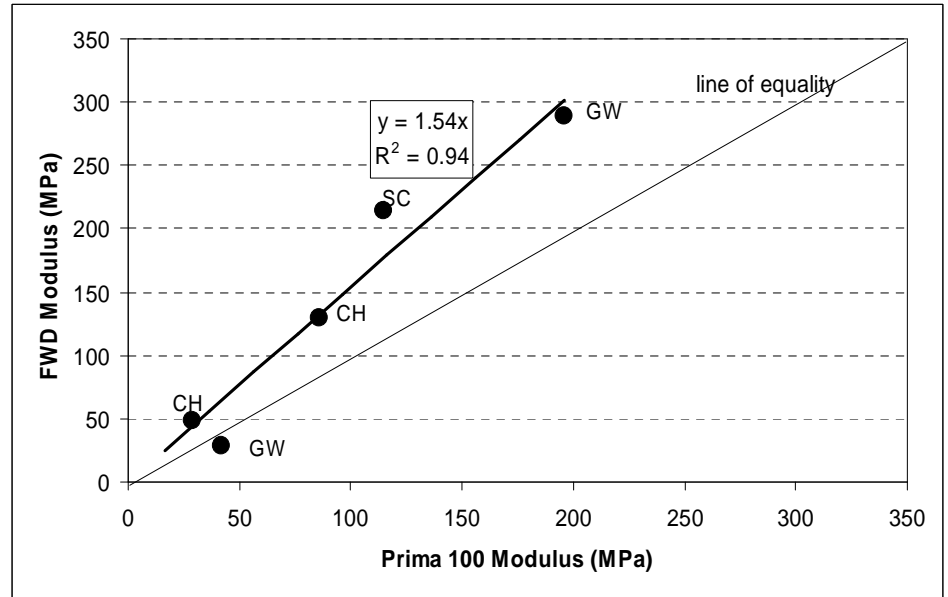
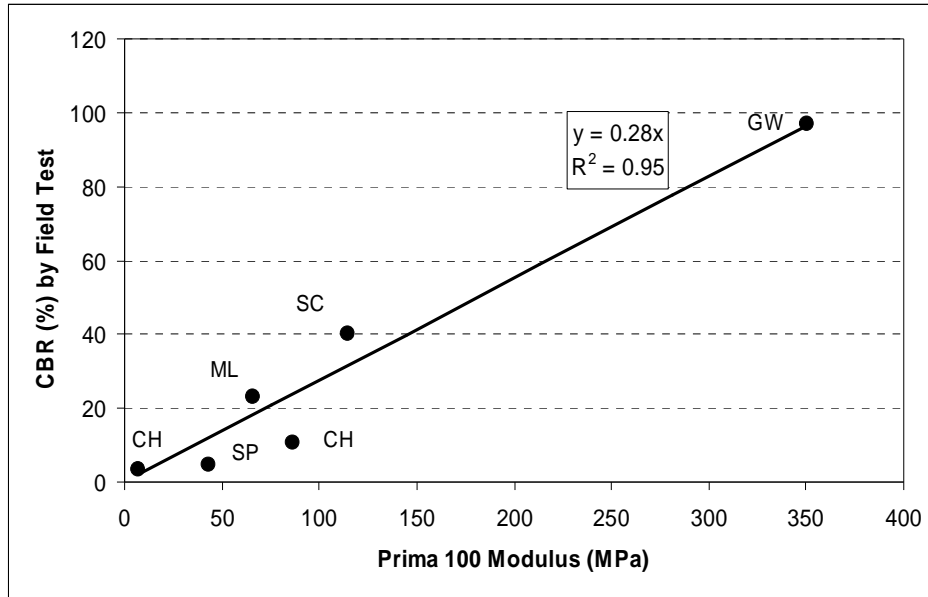
- Weight: 26 kg
- 10-20 kg Falling Mass
- Adjustable Falling Height of 0-850 mm
- Adjustable Falling Mass of 10, 15, or 20 kg

### Specification

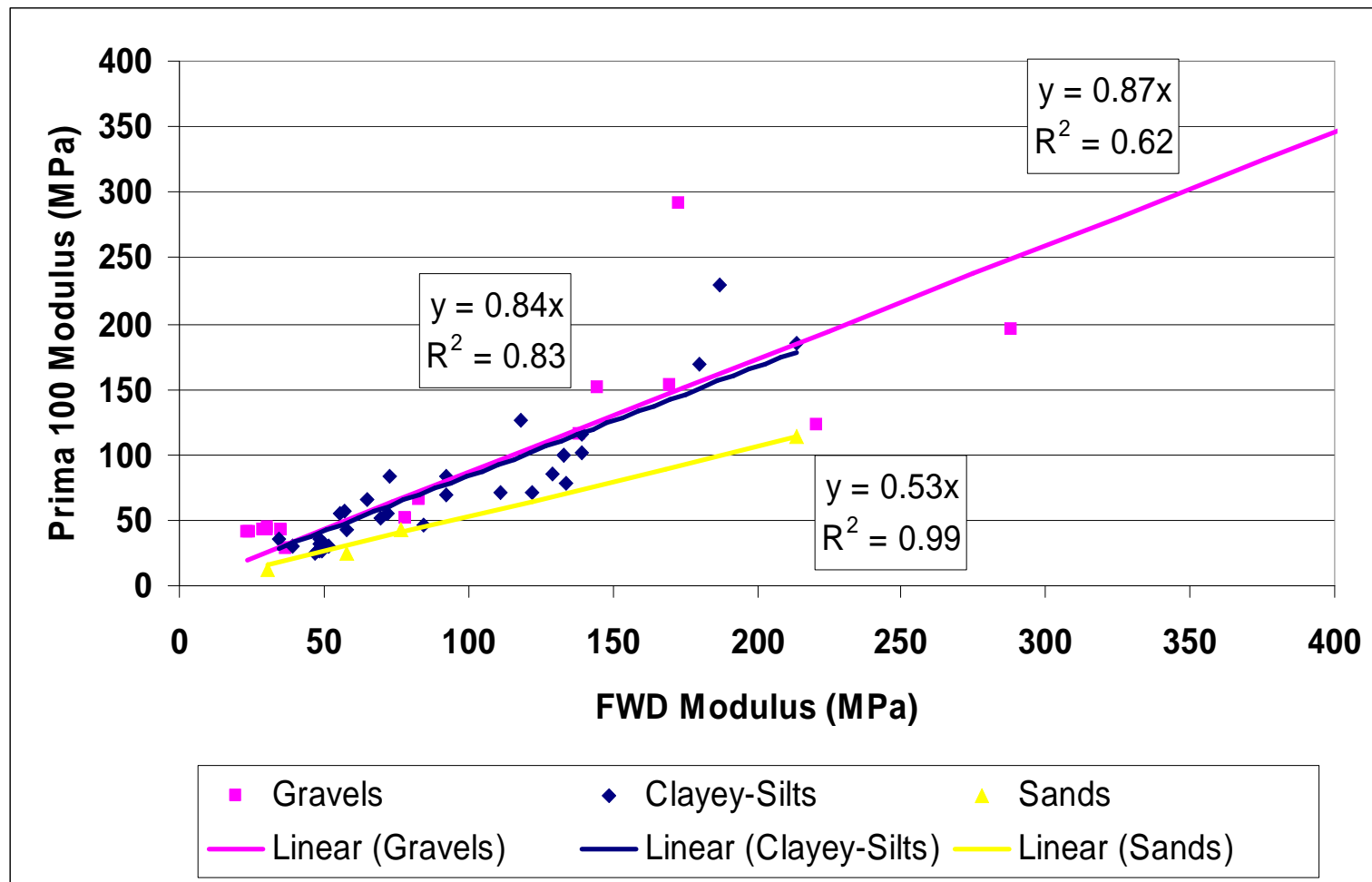
- Selection of Loading Plate
  - 300 mm: Subgrade, earth filling, subbase, gravel base layer
  - 200 mm: gravel base layer, weak road structures
  - 100 mm: Strong road structures
- Operating Temperature: 5 C to 50 C (41 F to 122 F)
- Expected Measuring Range Modulus (Young's, E)
  - Subgrade: 5-60 MPa
  - Subbase: 25-75 MPa
  - Gravel Base Layer: 40 - 125 MPa
  - Asphalt: 100-300 MPa



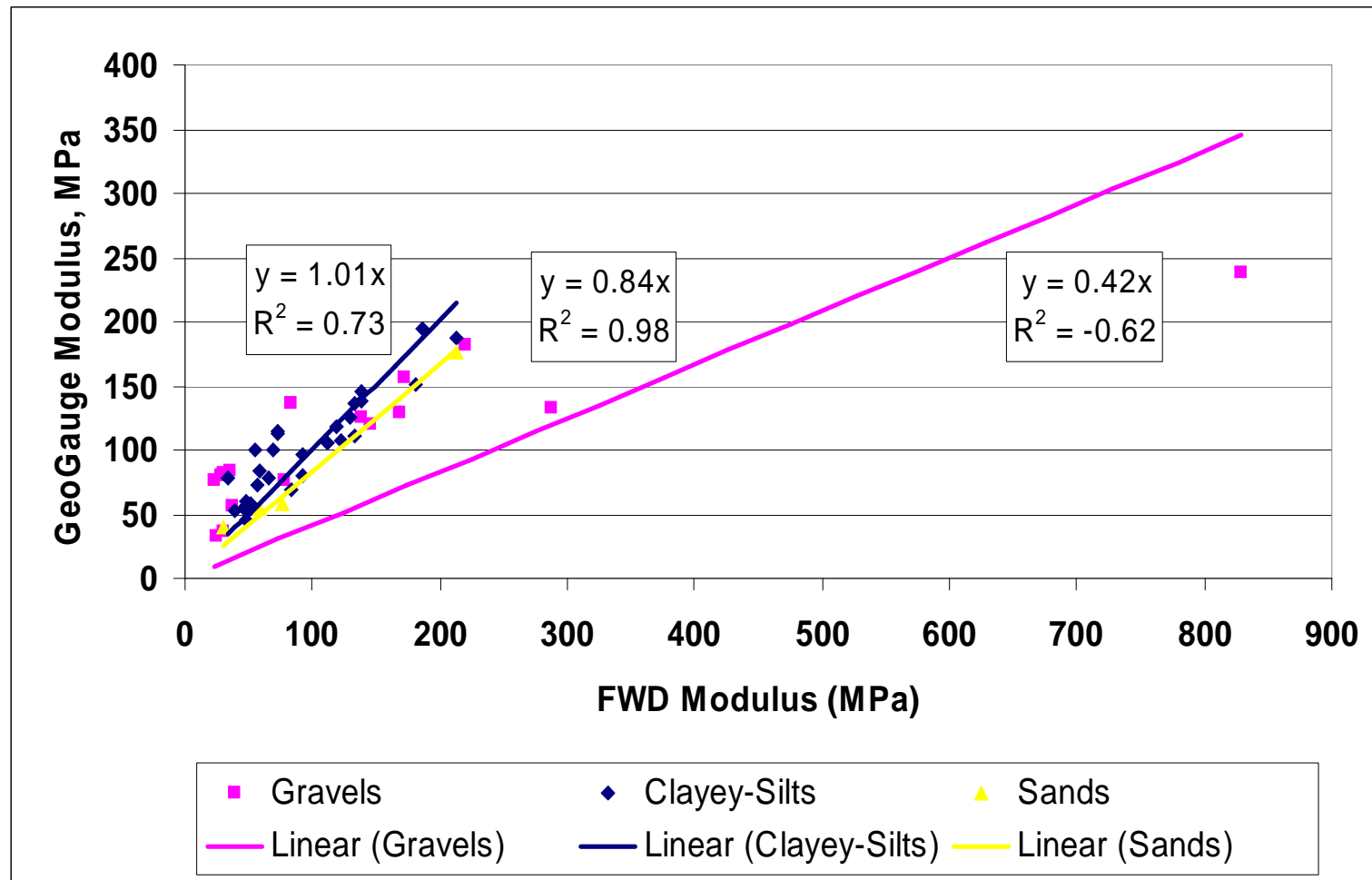
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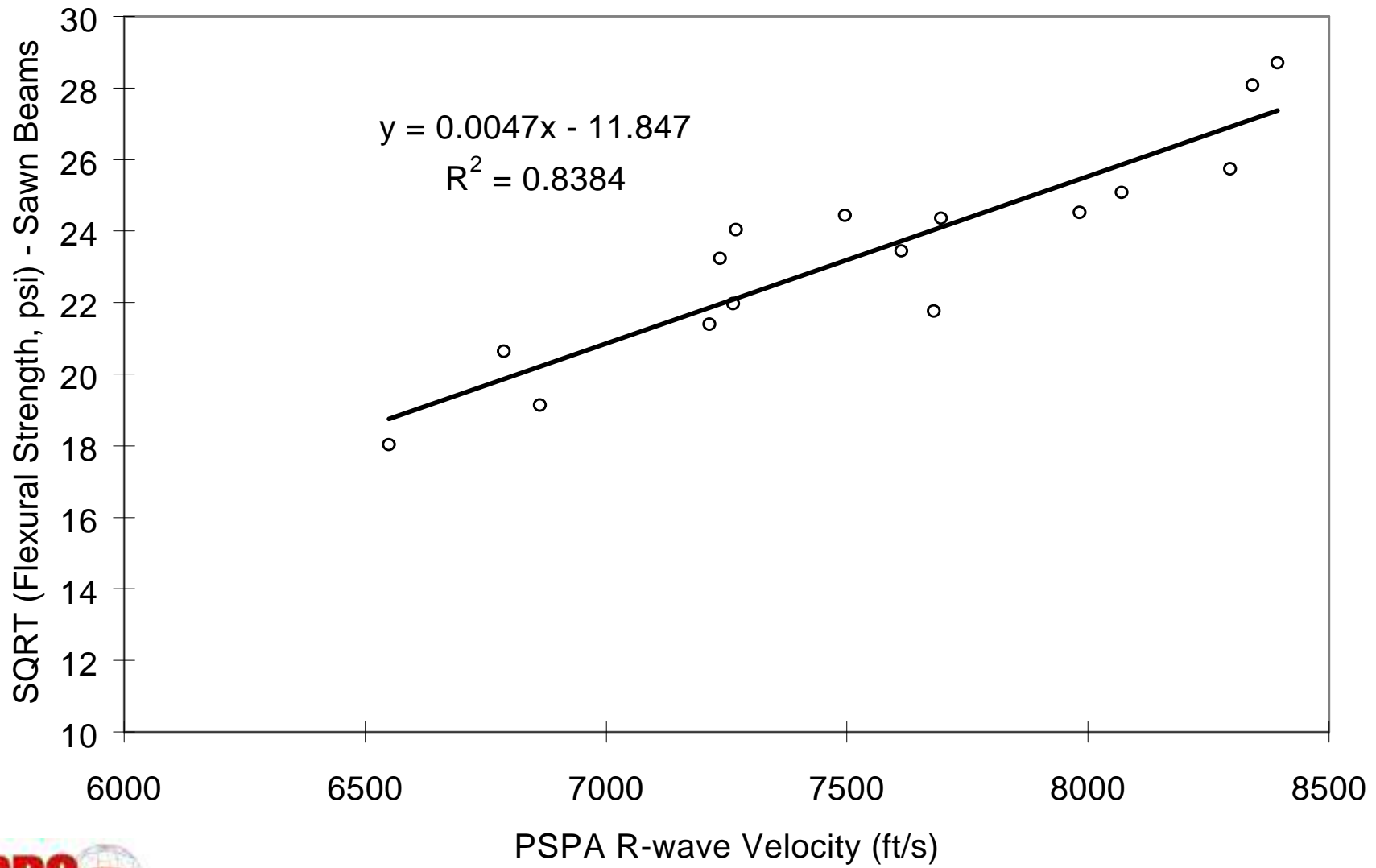
# Portable Seismic Pavement Analyzer

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# PSPA Vs. Flexural Strength

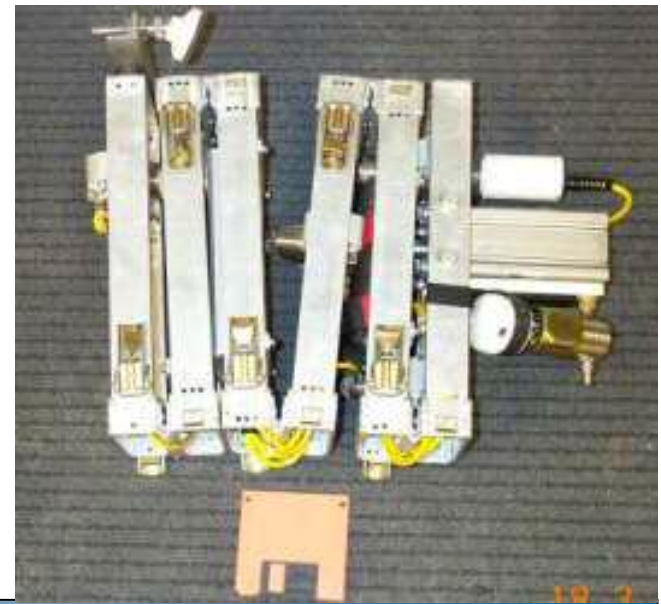


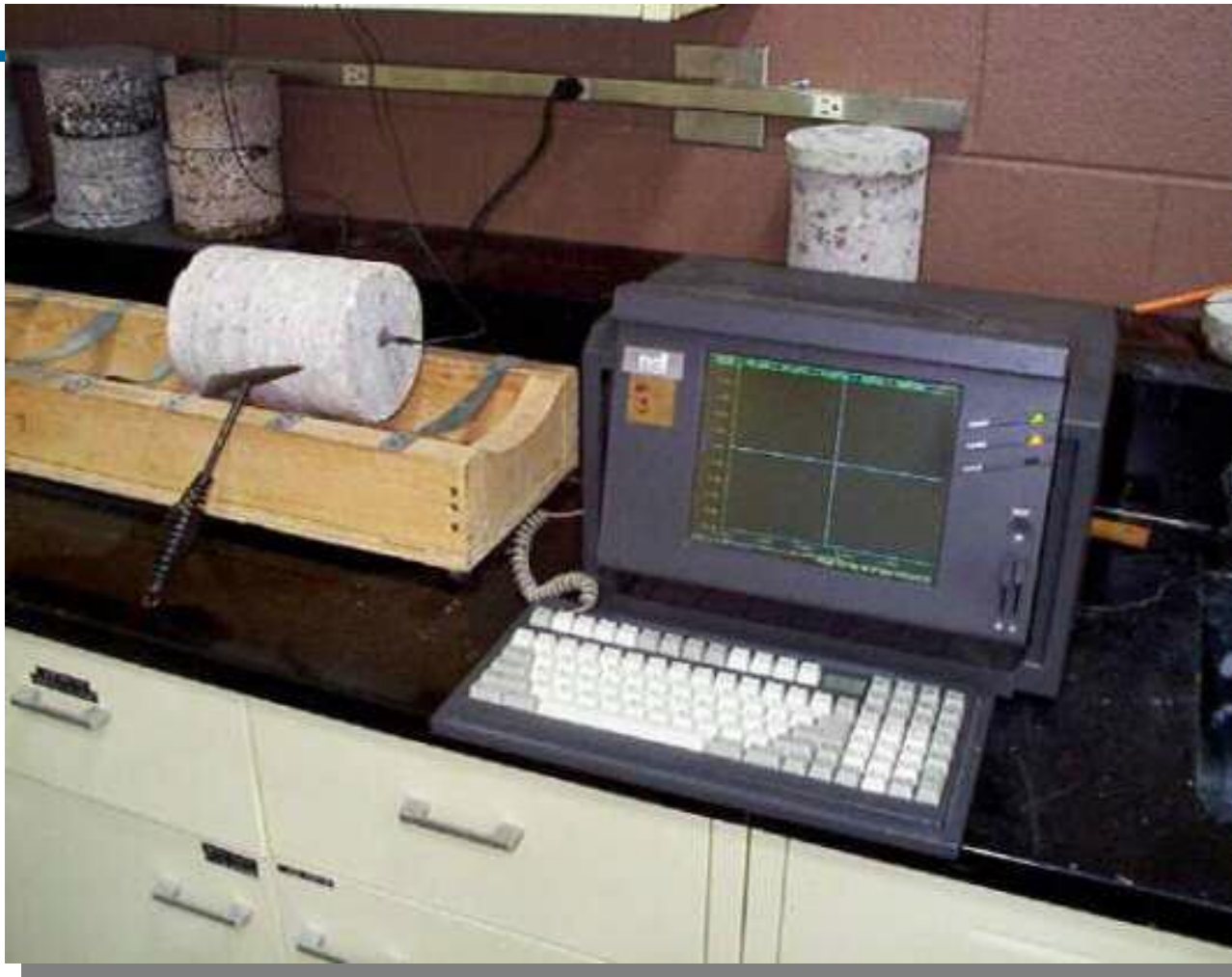


# Extended PSPA Under Development



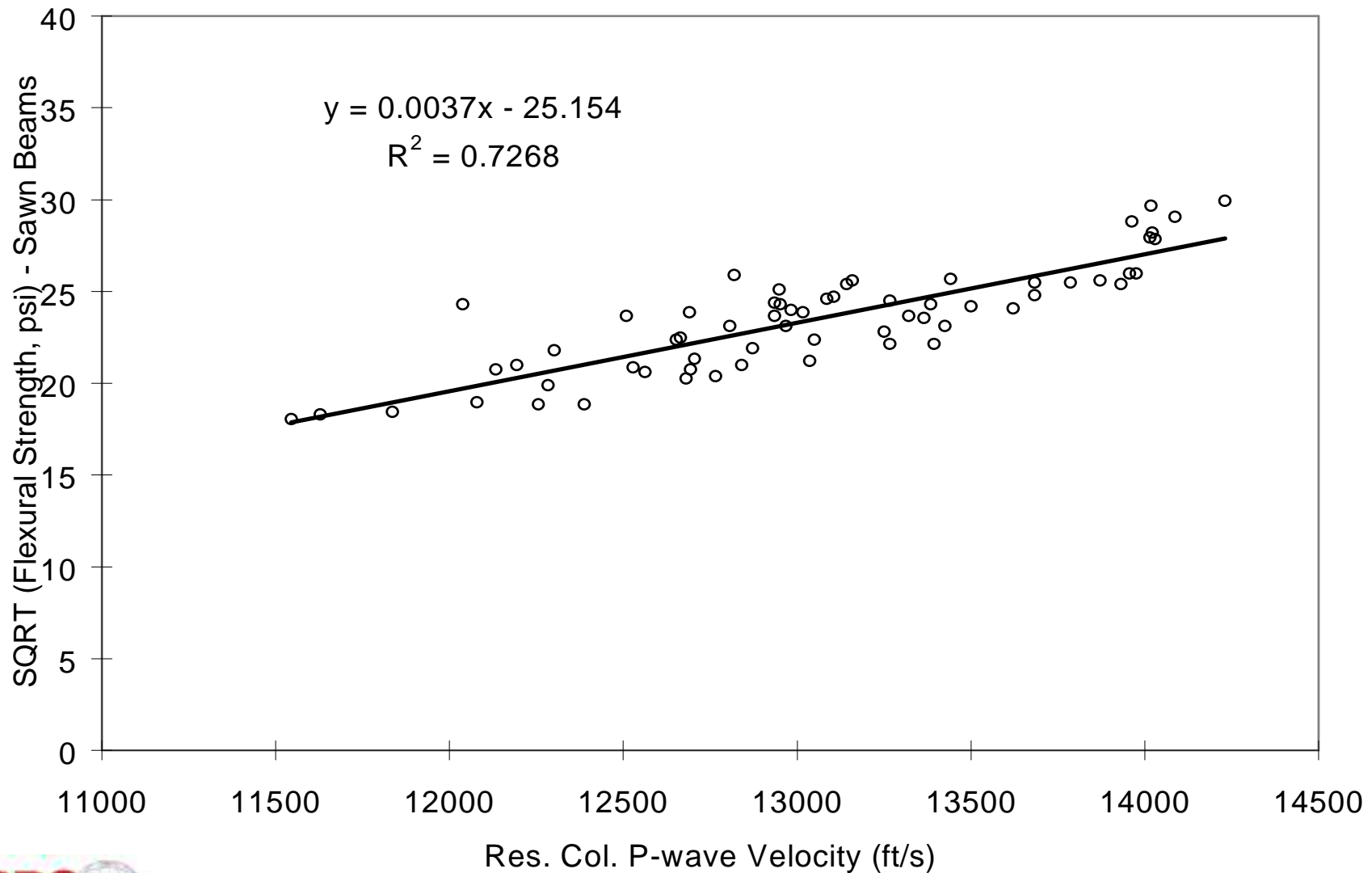
- Partnering With Geomeia (El Paso)
- Folds to Fit into rucksack
- Less than 35 lbs
- Samples to 1-Meter Depth
- Faster and Quieter Than DCP





## Free-Free Resonant Column

# FF Vs. Flexural Strength (Sawn Beams)



# Future

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- Army Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR)
  - Stiffness measurement from a moving platform
  - Autonomous data collection systems

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# Contingency Evaluation Workshop

# Questions??